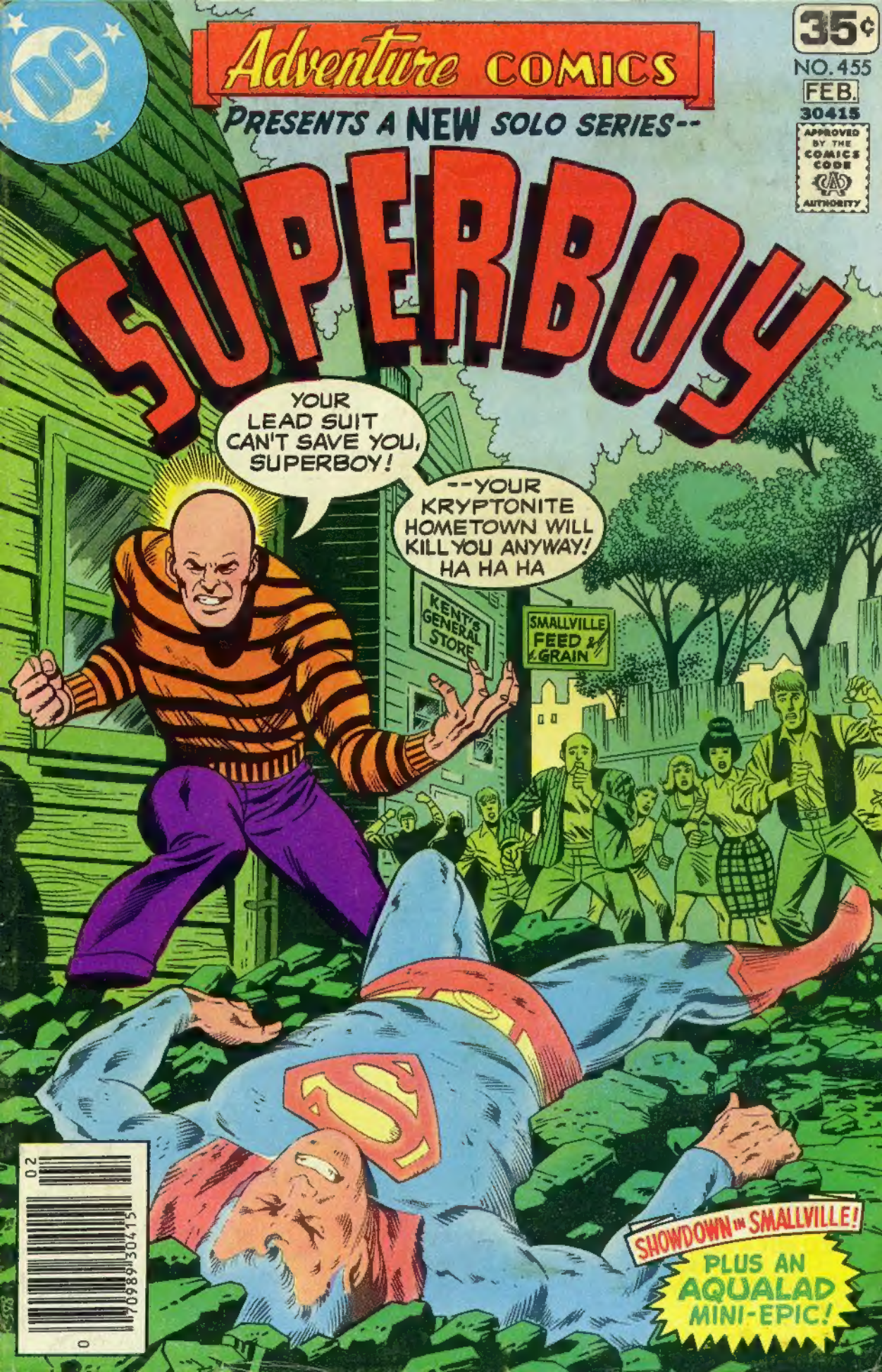
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DOWN TOWARDS HIS HOME TOWN STREAKS THE BOY OF STEEL WHILE HIS MIND RACES BACK...BACK TO A SCENE JUST A FEW HOURS EARLIER...
JEHOSHAPHAT--WE'VE ALL TURNED GREEN!
LOOK--CLARK'S FAINTING!
OOOOHH...
JONATHAN KENT RACED HIS SON OUT OF TOWN, AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE, AND...
I'LL BE OKAY AS LONG AS I'M OUT OF RANGE, PA!
IT SURE SEEMS LIKE KRYPTONITE POISONING OF SOME KIND--
IT HAS TO BE! I AND THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS...
...THE KRYPTONITE KID!
I WISH I WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN SMALLVILLE, BUT I'M NOT!
THOUGH THAT WON'T STOP ME FROM KILLING YOU, SUPERBOY!
FORTUNATELY, THE BOY OF STEEL OUTWITTED HIS FOE...
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, KID--
--HOW I DETOURED YOUR SHIP INTO A RED SUN SYSTEM, WHERE I LOSE MY POWERS--
N-NOW?! I SHOULD BE DEAD!!
WAP
--BUT CAN'T BE HARMED BY KRYPTONITE!
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LEX LUTHOR!
BAM
THIS IS MY OFFICE NOW! I'M TAKING OVER SMALLVILLE!
P.D
THAT'S RIGHT, CHIEF! AND THANKS FOR GETTING UP!
YOU YOUNG PUNK! I'LL TEACH YOU SOME RESPECT...
WRONG! I'LL TEACH YOU SOME!
NOW, UNLESS YOU WANT A BELLY BUTTON THAT SIZE, GET OUT!
KWAM
JUST WAIT TILL SUPERBOY GETS HERE--
SUPERBOY? HA!
HE DOESN'T DARE STICK SO MUCH AS A BIG TOE INTO THIS TOWN NOW--
OR DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THAT EVERY-BODY IN SMALLVILLE, INCLUDING YOURSELF, HAS TURNED A LOVELY SHADE OF KRYPTONITE GREEN?
NOPE, THE SAP OF STEEL WON'T COME TO YOUR RESCUE, CHIEF--
--NOT WHILE I CONTROL THIS KRYPTONITE PLAGUE!
WRONG, LUTHOR-- I MUST TRY TO DEFEAT YOU...
...OR SMALLVILLE CAN NEVER BE MY HOME AGAIN!
SINCE EVEN MY SKIN GETS INFECTED BY LUTHOR'S KRYPTONITE PLAGUE, IT'S DOUBLY DANGEROUS TO ENTER TOWN--
--BUT I HAVE TO BREAK IT-- AND STOP LUTHOR EVEN THOUGH MY SUPER-POWERS ARE ALMOST USELESS WITHIN SMALLVILLE!
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SHORTLY, A PLAN IS DEVISED...AND PUT INTO ACTION...
LUCKY THAT NOBODY'S IN SIGHT--THE KRYPTONITE POISONING IS AFFECTING ME--
--I'M GETTING WEAKER BY THE MINUTE! IT'S STILL CANCELLING MY POWERS--BUT I'VE GOT TO GET AT LUTHOR!
BUT CLARK IS NOT UNOBSERVED...
MY GOSH--IT'S CLARK! HE MUST BE HEADING FOR POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
...BUT WITH THE KRYPTONITE-EFFECT, HE'S NO MATCH FOR LUTHOR IN EITHER IDENTITY!*
* THOUGH SUPERBOY IS UNAWARE OF IT, PETE ROSS KNOW'S HIS SECRET IDENTITY! --PAUL
I'D BETTER FOLLOW HIM--JUST IN CASE I CAN HELP OUT!
CLARK KENT--HOW ARE YOU DOING, KID?
I'M...UH, OKAY, LEX--BUT I CAME TO ASK YOU A...ER, FAVOR!
LUTHOR'S GOT TO BUY THIS ROUTINE--AT LEAST LONG ENOUGH FOR MY PLAN TO WORK!
A CAR? LOWER TAXES FOR YOUR OLD MAN? A TOWN JOB?
NOTHING LIKE THAT, LEX--
HA, HA! WHY NOT? WE USED TO BE FRIENDS... ONCE!
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NOW GET UP AND GET OUT OF HERE--BEFORE I GET ANGRY!
UNNGH--
ROSS! YOU TWO PLANNING TO DOUBLE-TEAM ME?
NO... NO--JUST LET ME TAKE CLARK HOME--OKAY?
YEAH--GET HIM OUT OF MY SIGHT!
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...HE MIGHT HAVE SOME BROKEN BONES!
GOOD IDEA--BUT I'D REALLY LIKE TO TEACH THAT LUTHOR A THING OR TWO!
DON'T YOU DARE--LET SUPERBOY TAKE CARE OF THIS!
MRS. KENT IS RIGHT, SIR--THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERBOY!
ASSUMING MR. KENT GETS HIM OUT OF THE RANGE OF THE KRYPTONITE EFFECT IN TIME!
THANKFULLY, MOMENTS LATER...
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UHNNNN...
HANG ON, SON--WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TOWN!
BUT EVEN BEFORE PA KENT CAN DO ANYTHING, THE TRUCK DOOR SWINGS OPEN--AND CLARK FALLS OUT AND DOWN...
SWISH!
THUD!
...AND SECONDS LATER, IT IS SUPERBOY WHO RISES UP, UP, AND AWAY--
THANKS, PA--I'M OKAY NOW!
BUT WHY'D YOU DO IT, SON? YOU KNEW YOU'D HAVE NO POWERS!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER—WHEN I'VE BEATEN LUTHOR!
AN OPTIMISTIC PROJECTION, CERTAINLY--BUT ONE THAT THE BOY OF STEEL INSTANTLY SETS ABOUT MAKING REAL.
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BEGINNING AT A FACTORY JUST OUTSIDE SMALLVILLE--
THERE'S MY NEXT STOP--
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--A QUICK BATH IN THIS MOLTEN LEAD--
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I HAD TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO LUTHOR TO PLANT A TINY [redacted] ON HIM...
BEEP BEEP
...SO I CAN FIND HIM WITHOUT HAVING TO SEE!
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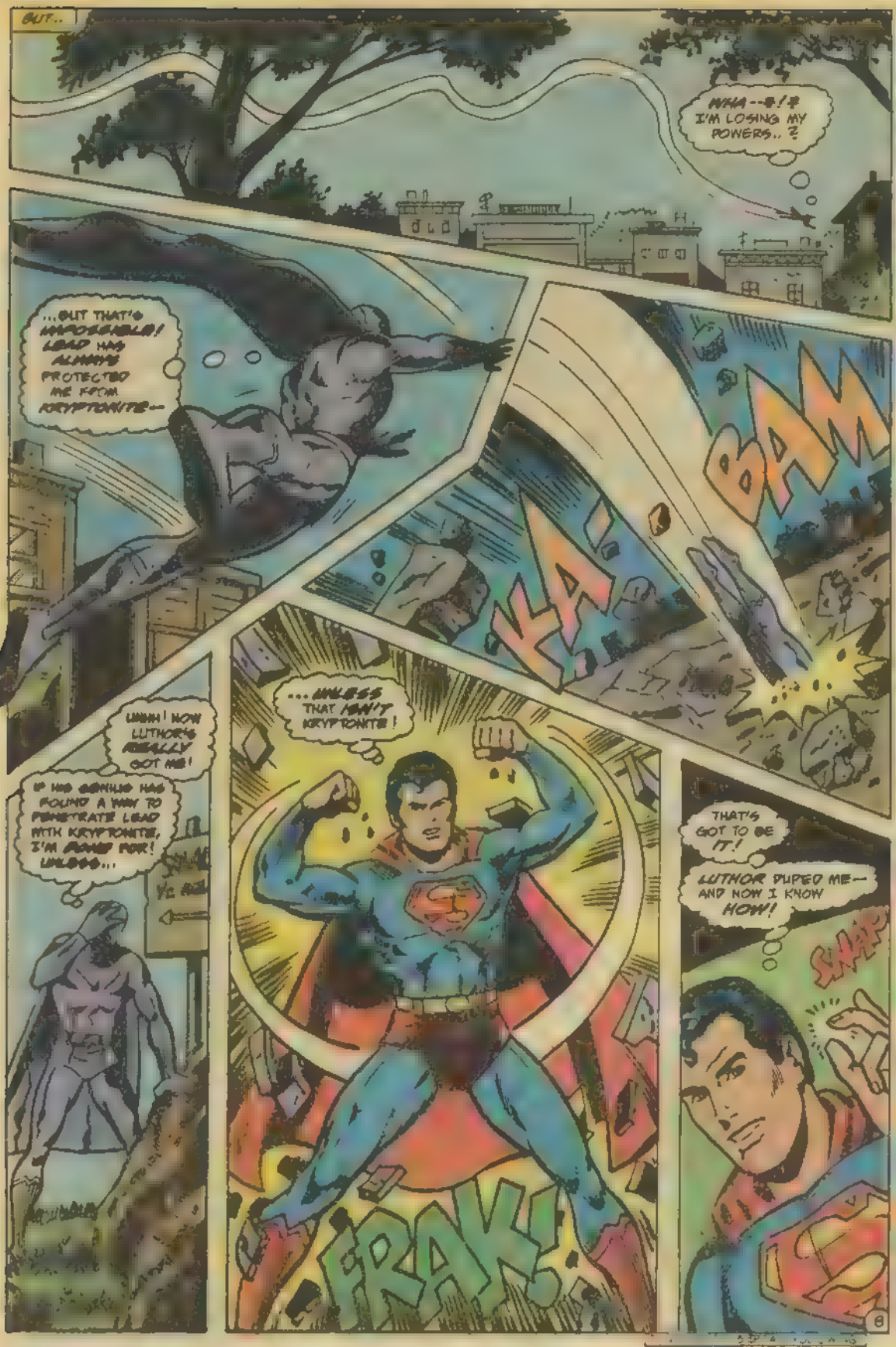
BUT...
WHA--?! I'M LOSING MY POWERS..?
...BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! LEAD HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED ME FROM KRYPTONITE--
KA-
BAM
...UNLESS THAT WASN'T KRYPTONITE!
UHHH! HOW LUTHOR'S REALLY GOT ME!
IF HIS GENIUS HAS FOUND A WAY TO PENETRATE LEAD WITH KRYPTONITE, I'M REALLY FOR! UNLESS...
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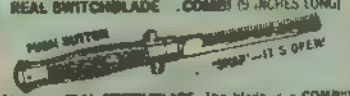

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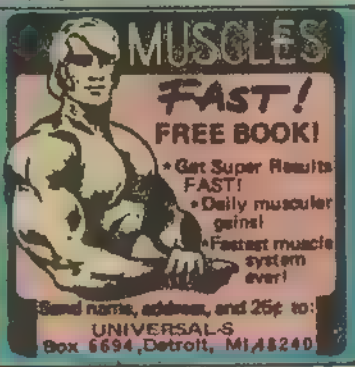

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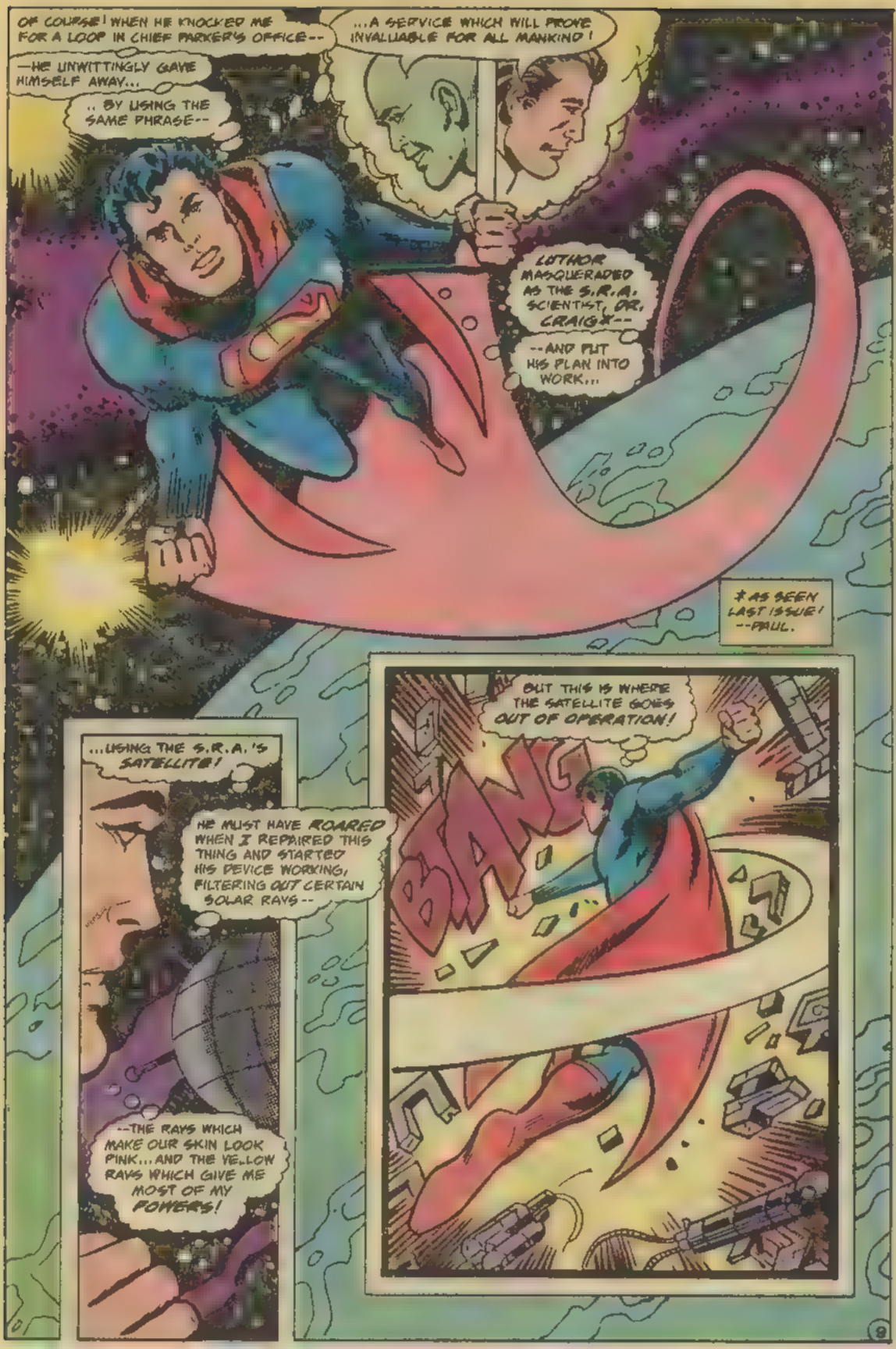
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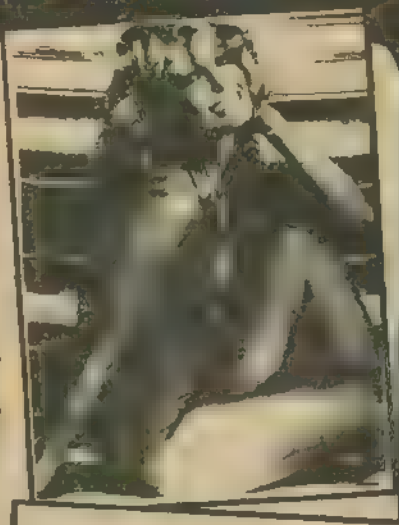

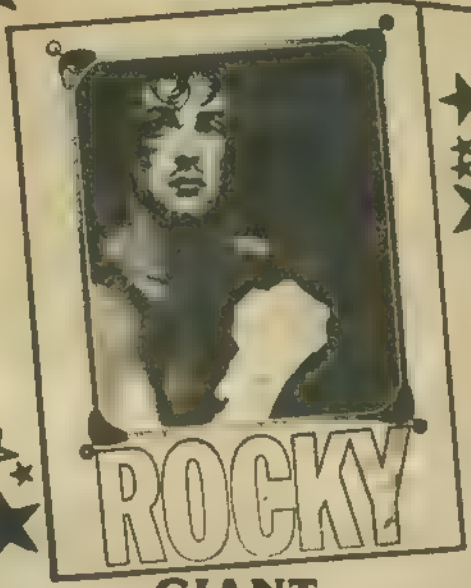

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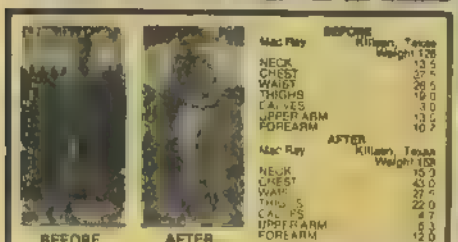

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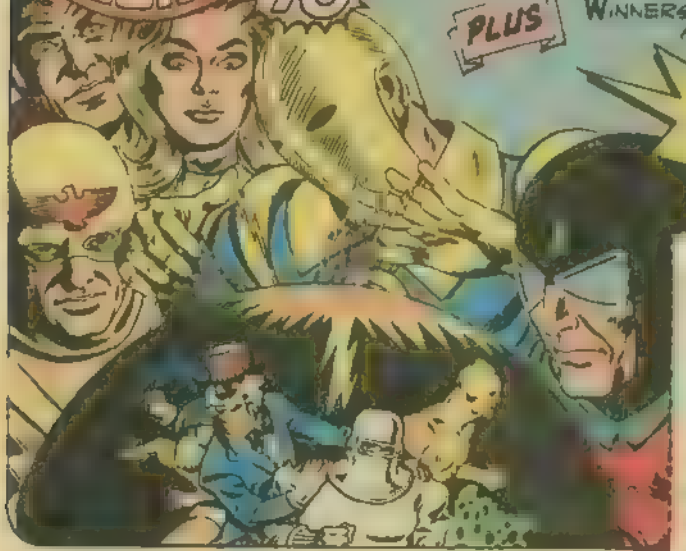

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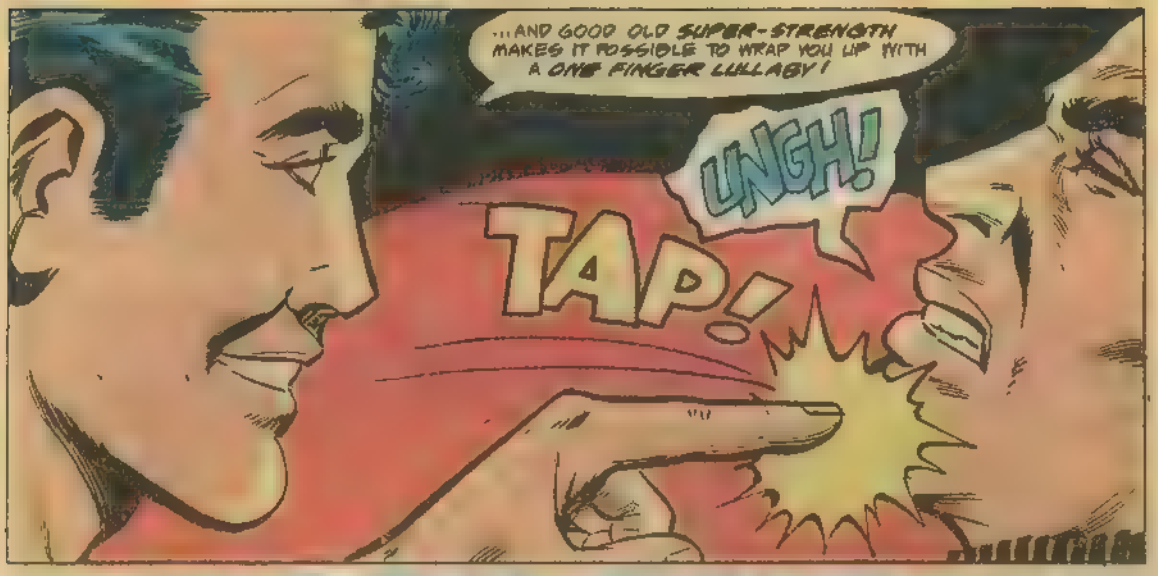
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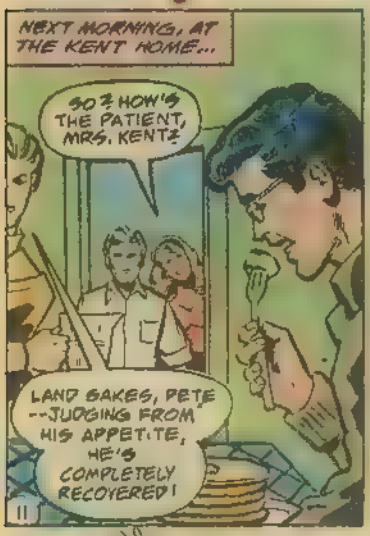
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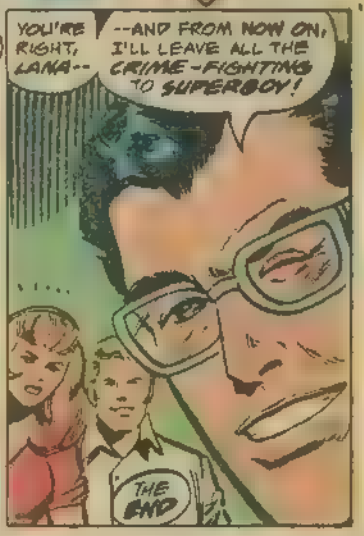
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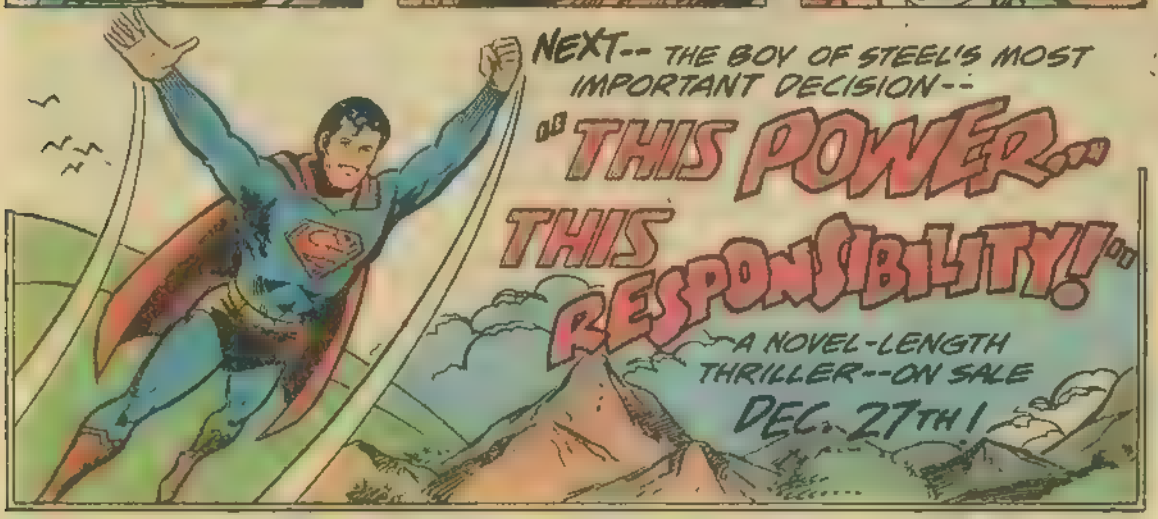
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Dear Editor,

It has been some years now since Superboy last appeared in a series of his own in **ADVENTURE COMICS** (or **SUPERBOY** itself, for that matter), long enough for me to have forgotten much about the character. There is no other individual in comics to whom my feelings have changed so much in each of his different presentations. Each time he has appeared in a series (his first in **ADVENTURE**, his own book, his appearances with the Legion) he has been presented in a different way and this is the cause of his lack of focus to me.

Superboy first rests on the foreknowledge that he will grow into Superman in time, thus making him one very secure from a writing standpoint, since his immediate future is certain. That he is in the middle of the process opens the possibilities of writing about youth, from a youthful viewpoint, which is something that can't be done with Superman.

Second, he is a boy and his personality and actions will be that of a boy. These two items have been either forgotten or just overlooked in the past.

Yet what you did here was done so well. The artwork enhanced the storytelling and is noted. The story itself was clever without being cute. Bob Rozakis seems to favor the shorter length stories, as here the plot was tight and the story elements and character appearances well balanced. If this is the beginning of the formula to be used here, then by all means go ahead and continue.

James Shull
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We hope to avoid falling into a formula, but we do have themes in mind when we set up any new book or series. And for Superboy the theme is most definitely age-related, since we're concentrating on the emotional growth of a super-hero. This has been only lightly touched upon in these first three issues, but we plan to go steam ahead beginning next issue, when David Michelinie takes over as the new regular writer for the Boy of Steel.—PL.

Dear Staff,

Superboy has long been a favorite of mine, so I eagerly awaited his return to **ADVENTURE**. However, upon reading his comeback issue, I was disappointed.

I was thrilled to read your reply to Georjean Franis's letter and I agree that there has been little difference between Superboy and Superman over the years. While you attempted to change that in "You Too Can Be A Super-Hero," your attempt was only half-hearted.

As with the earlier "Don't Call Me Superboy" the hero is only a few years away from being Superman. Murphy Anderson's art is also better suited to Superman—his slick style more ably captures Clark Kent's professional TV newscaster world than the "local boy from the sticks" role. John Calnan merely tries to copy Curt Swan, another artist too slick for Superboy.

Superboy also comes off like the wise adult lecturing children rather than as a child himself experiencing problems and learning from them.

Childhood problems are interesting in themselves, and the hero is unique enough to provide a wealth of ideas without resorting to pseudo-science-fiction stories about a child gaining super-powers (a long overused theme in the Superman Family line). Give us stories about Superman being different, the often lonely life he is forced to live, the tension between children and adults—try to get into his world.

Obie Hunt
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Give the age-related problems a chance to develop, Obie—it's hard to realistically establish a character in comics, and doubly hard when the character is in the midst of a period of ever-changing emotions. Your remarks about Calnan and Anderson are fascinating—especially since Swan was considered *the* Superboy artist long before he was considered *the* Superman artist. What type of art would you consider appropriate for the Smallville Sentinel? And that question is open to all of you, readers.

While we're on the subject of asking you your opinion, let's throw the debate open on a couple of additional issues. First, what length do you like the *Superboy* stories? Current plans call for three eleven-pagers followed by a novel-lengther, then repeating the cycle—but would you prefer to see us settle in to one or the other?

Then there's the back-feature question. The Aqualad series concludes this month, and the next time you see him it'll be back in the pages of *AQUAMAN*. We have a few plans for upcoming series, but nothing definite enough to announce, so why don't you volunteer a few suggestions.

. . . . .

Next issue, winter in Smallville, and Superboy's frozen out of the townspeople's hearts. It's a novel-length thriller, and if you'll make plans to be there, so will we. —Paul Levitz, Editor.

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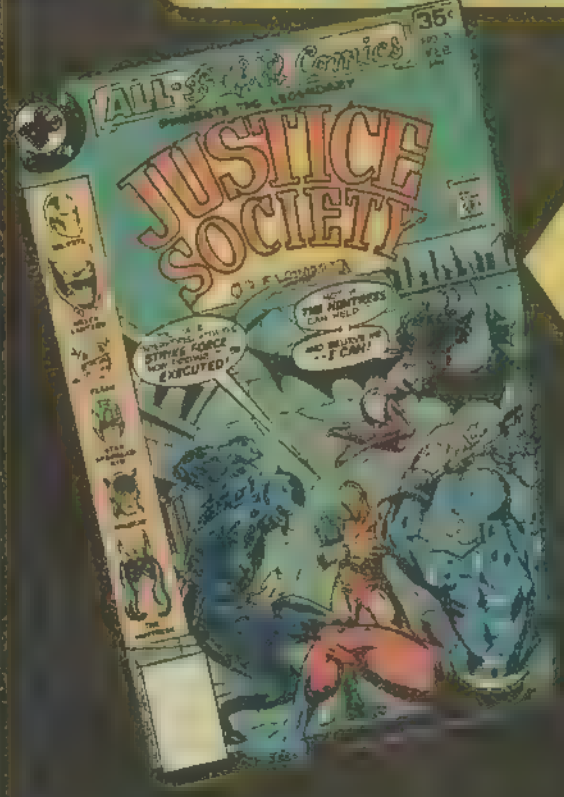

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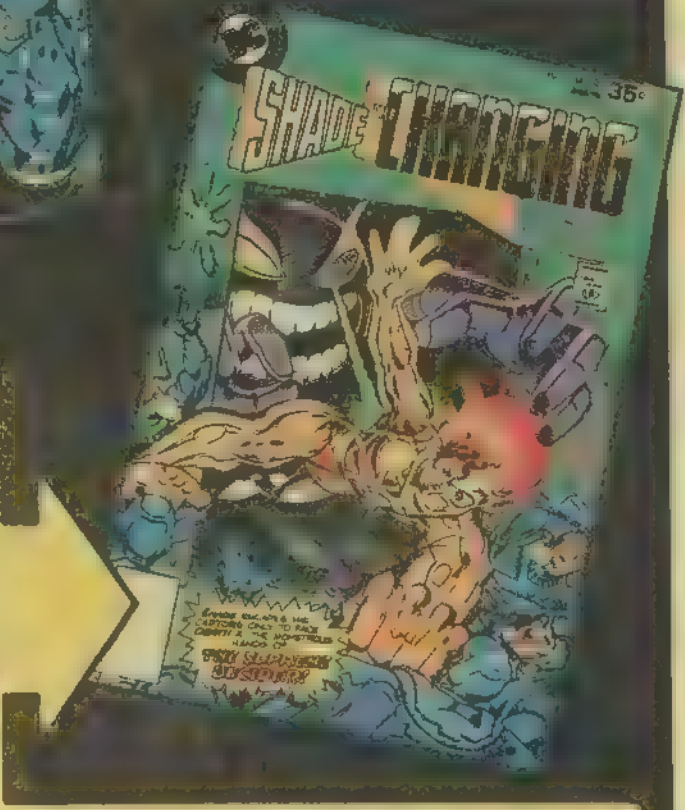

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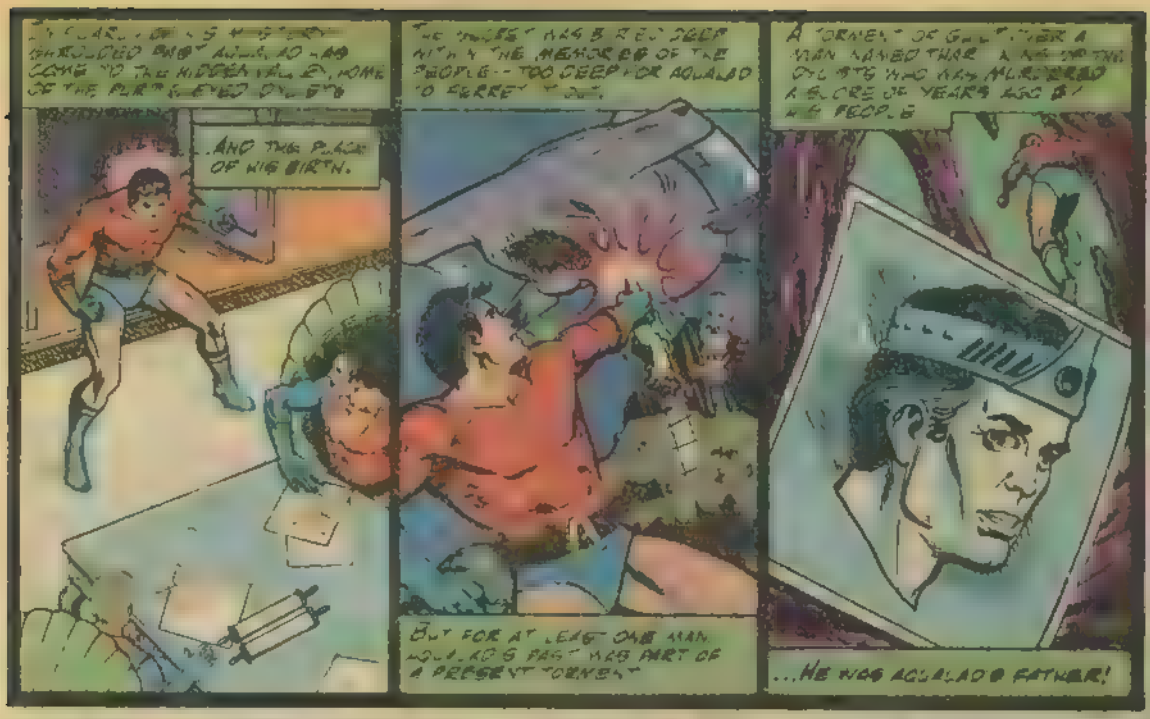
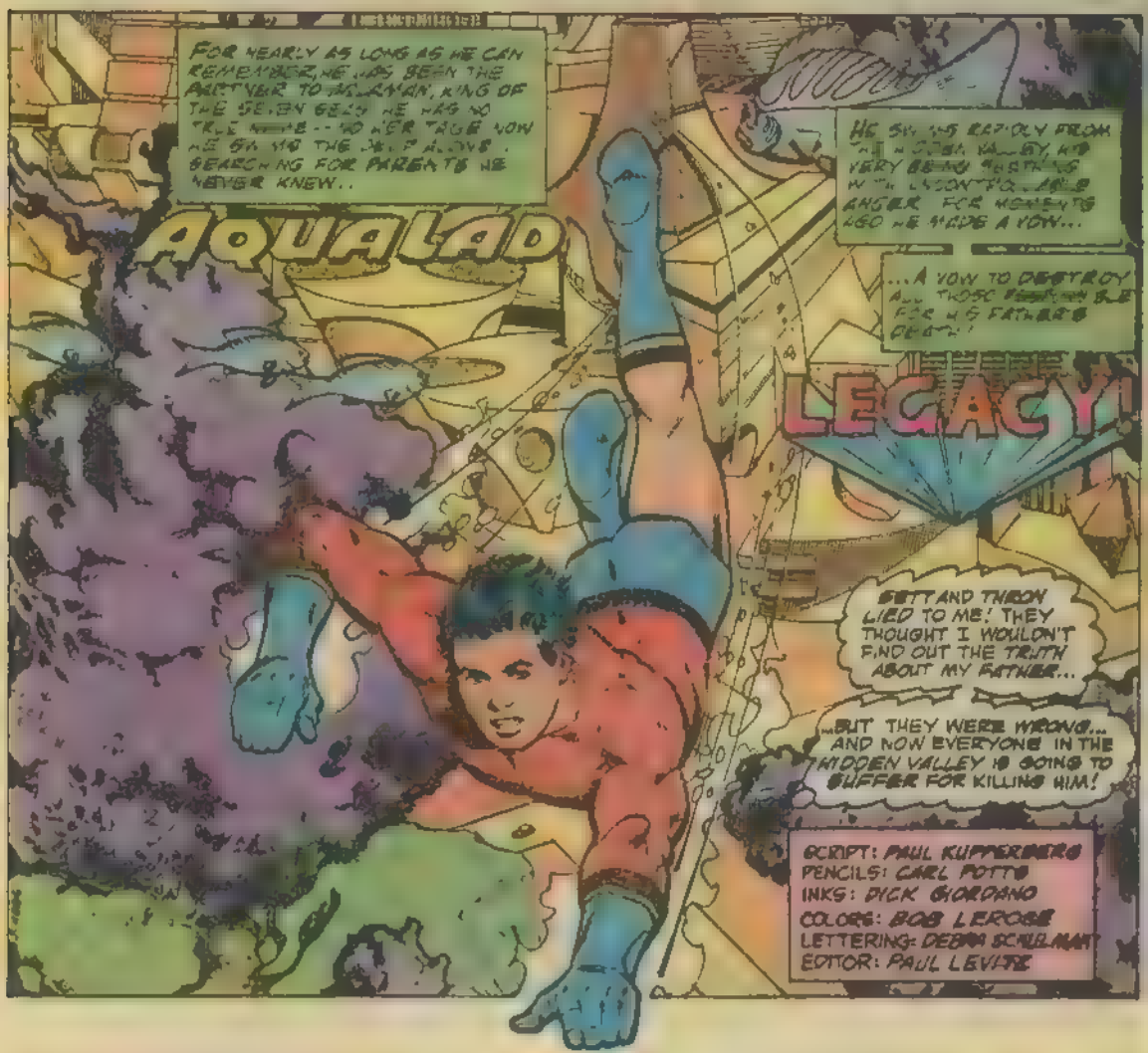

AND THE PLACE OF HIS BIRTH.
THE TRUTH HAS BEEN DEEP WITH THE MEMORIES OF THE PEOPLE -- TOO DEEP FOR AQUALAD TO SEEK IT OUT.
A TORNEY OF GULT FOR A MAN NAMED THAR WHO WAS MURDERED MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO BY HIS PEOPLE
BUT FOR AT LEAST ONE MAN AQUALAD'S PAST WAS PART OF A PRESENT TORNEY
...HE WAS AQUALAD'S FATHER!


FOR NEARLY AS LONG AS HE CAN REMEMBER, HE WAS SEEN THE PARTNER TO MULRAYAN, KING OF THE SEA. BY SUCH HE HAS NO TRUE NAME -- NO HERITAGE NOR HE SEEKS THE HELP OF LOVE. SEARCHING FOR PARENTS HE NEVER KNEW..
AQUALAD
HE SWIMS RAPIDLY FROM HIDDEN VALLEY, HIS VERY BEING PULSING WITH UNCONTROLLABLE ANGER. FOR MOMENTS AGO HE MADE A VOW...
...A VOW TO DESTROY ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FATHER'S DEATH!
LEGACY!
GETT AND THRON LIED TO ME! THEY THOUGHT I WOULDN'T FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT MY FATHER...
...BUT THEY WERE WRONG... AND NOW EVERYONE IN THE HIDDEN VALLEY IS GOING TO SUFFER FOR KILLING HIM!
SCRIPT: PAUL KUPPERBERG
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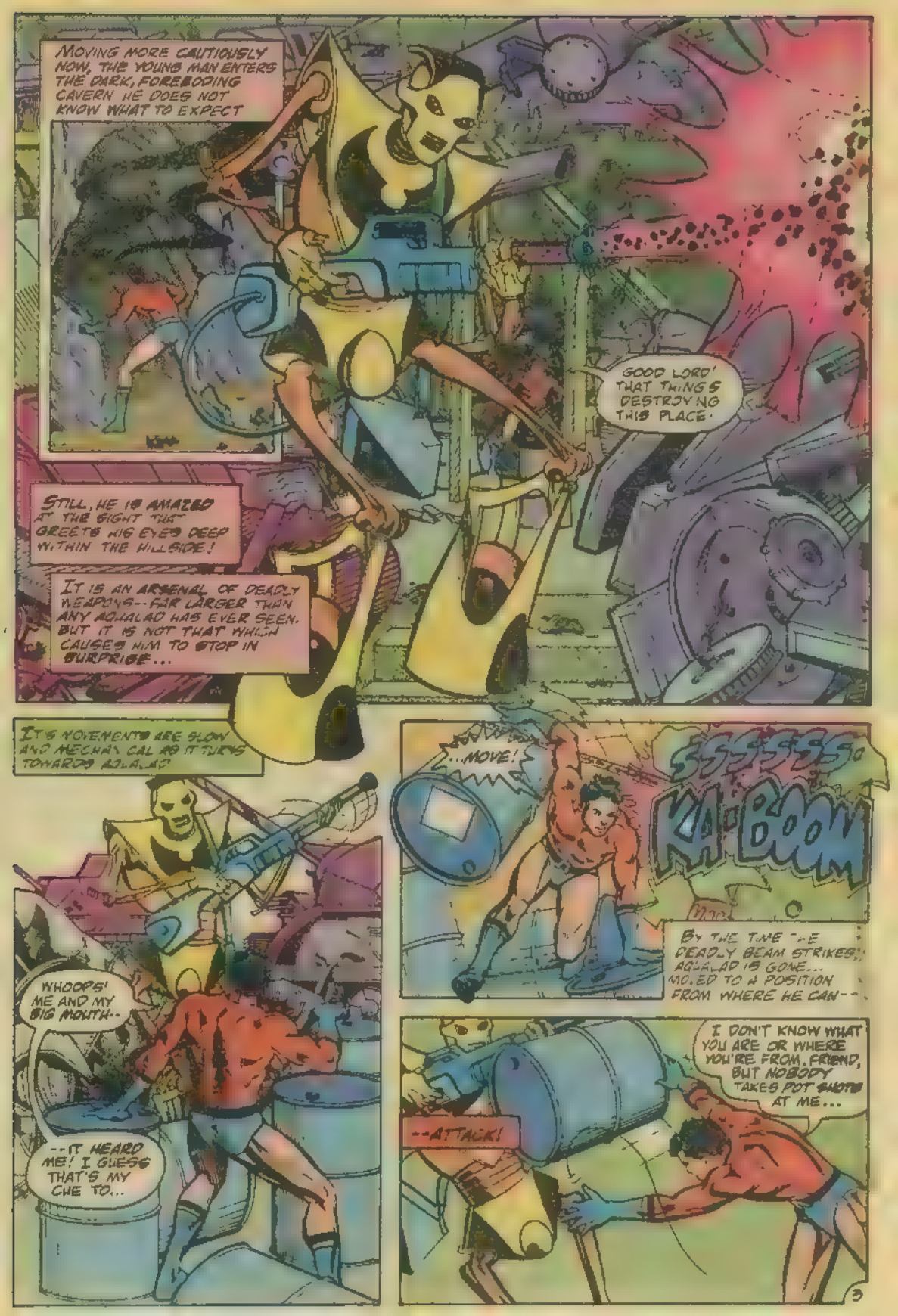
NEPTUNE'S BEARD! ALL THESE FISH... DEAD!
WHATEVER'S GOING ON, I'D BETTER LOOK INTO IT. IT COULD BE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE LEAKING [redacted] THE SURFACE DWELLERS ARE FAMOUS FOR DUMPING DOWN HERE!
BESIDES, THE HIDDEN VALLEY ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE WHILE I CHECK THIS OUT!
CAREFUL, AQUALAD! FOR THERE IS MORE TO THIS.
..THAN MEETS THE EYE.
THERE'S SOMETHING BEHIND THIS BOULD-- UNNNHHH!
ZZZZZZ CRACKLE
KA-THOOM!
UGH!
WHATEVER'S IN THERE HAS GOT TO BE BAD NEWS! AND I GET THE FEELING IT'S NOT RADIOACTIVE WASTE!
READY OR NOT, HERE I COME!


MOVING MORE CAUTIOUSLY NOW, THE YOUNG MAN ENTERS THE DARK, FOREBODING CAVERN HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT
GOOD LORD! THAT THING'S DESTROYING THIS PLACE.
STILL, HE IS AMAZED AT THE SIGHT THAT GREETS HIS EYES DEEP WITHIN THE HILLSIDE!
IT IS AN ARSENAL OF DEADLY WEAPONS--FAR LARGER THAN ANY AQUALAD HAS EVER SEEN. BUT IT IS NOT THAT WHICH CAUSES HIM TO STOP IN SURPRISE...
IT'S MOVEMENTS ARE SLOW AND MECHANICAL AS IT TURNS TOWARDS AQUALAD
...MOVE!
SSSSSSS
KA-BOOM
BY THE TIME THE DEADLY BEAM STRIKES, AQUALAD IS GONE... MOVED TO A POSITION FROM WHERE HE CAN--
WHOOPS! ME AND MY BIG MOUTH--
--IT HEARD ME! I GUESS THAT'S MY CUE TO...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU'RE FROM, FRIEND, BUT NOBODY TAKES POT SHOTS AT ME...
--ATTACK!
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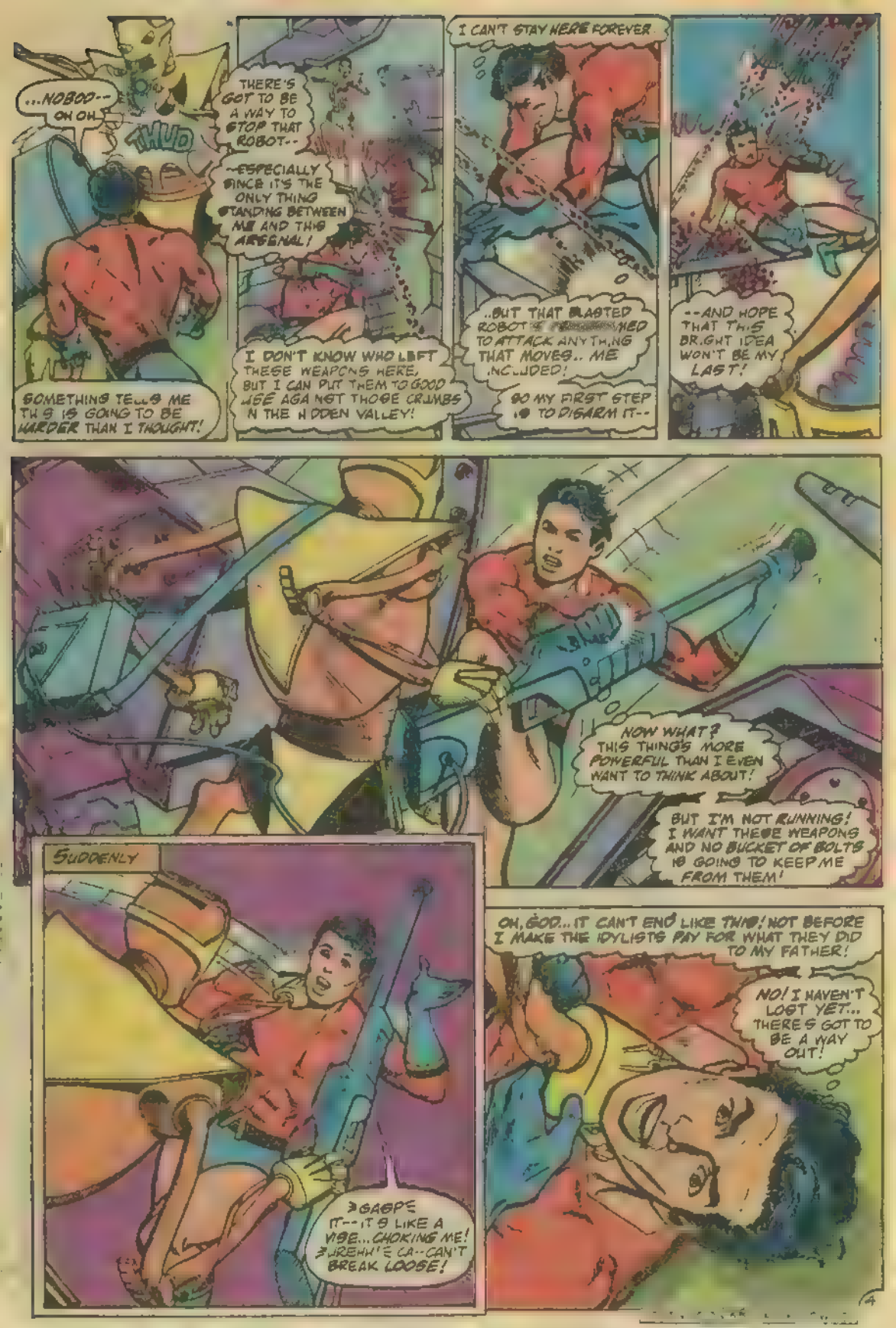
...NOBOD--
OH OH
THUD
SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS IS GOING TO BE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!
THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY TO STOP THAT ROBOT--
--ESPECIALLY SINCE IT'S THE ONLY THING STANDING BETWEEN ME AND THIS ARSENAL!
I DON'T KNOW WHO LEFT THESE WEAPONS HERE, BUT I CAN PUT THEM TO GOOD USE AGAINST THOSE CRUMBS IN THE HIDDEN VALLEY!
I CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER.
..BUT THAT BLASTED ROBOT [illegible]HED TO ATTACK ANYTHING THAT MOVES.. ME INCLUDED!
SO MY FIRST STEP IS TO DISARM IT--
--AND HOPE THAT THIS BRIGHT IDEA WON'T BE MY LAST!
NOW WHAT? THIS THING'S MORE POWERFUL THAN I EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT!
BUT I'M NOT RUNNING! I WANT THESE WEAPONS AND NO BUCKET OF BOLTS IS GOING TO KEEP ME FROM THEM!
SUDDENLY
»GASP« IT--IT'S LIKE A VISE...CHOKING ME! »UREHH'E CA--CAN'T BREAK LOOSE!
OH, GOD...IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS! NOT BEFORE I MAKE THE IDYLISTS PAY FOR WHAT THEY DID TO MY FATHER!
NO! I HAVEN'T LOST YET... THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY OUT!

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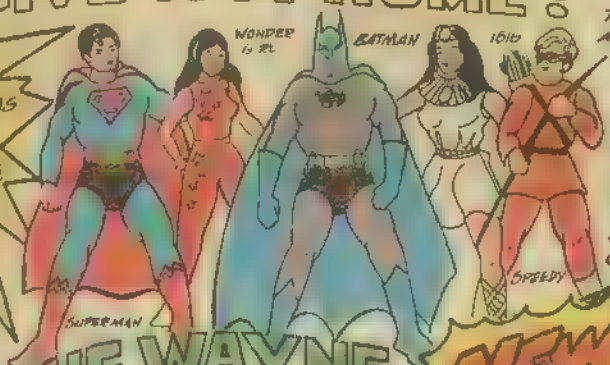

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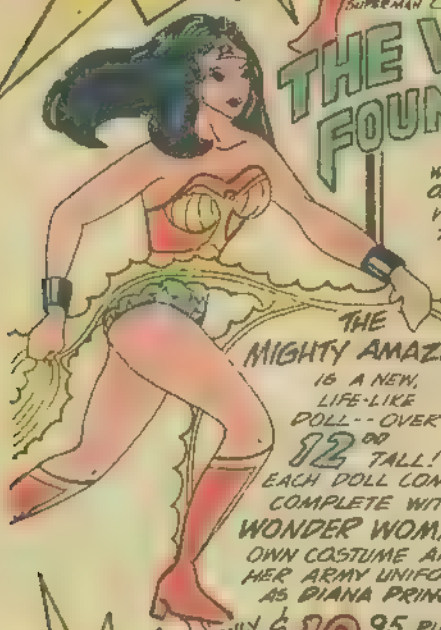

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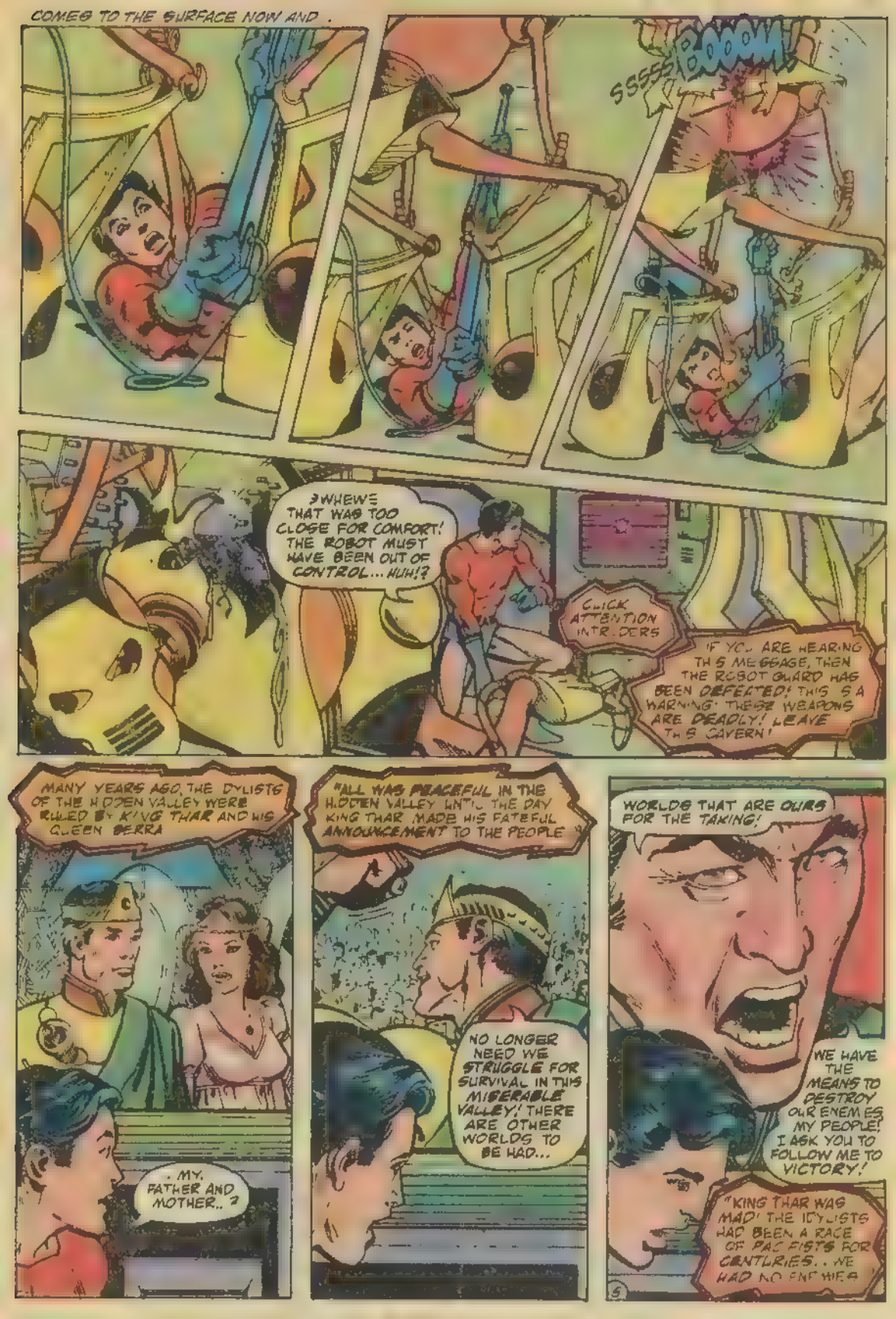
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NO LONGER NEED WE STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL IN THIS MISERABLE VALLEY! THERE ARE OTHER WORLDS TO BE HAD...
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WE HAVE THE MEANS TO DESTROY OUR ENEMIES MY PEOPLE! I ASK YOU TO FOLLOW ME TO VICTORY!
"KING THAR WAS MAD! THE DYLISTS HAD BEEN A RACE OF PACIFISTS FOR CENTURIES.. WE HAD NO ENEMIES
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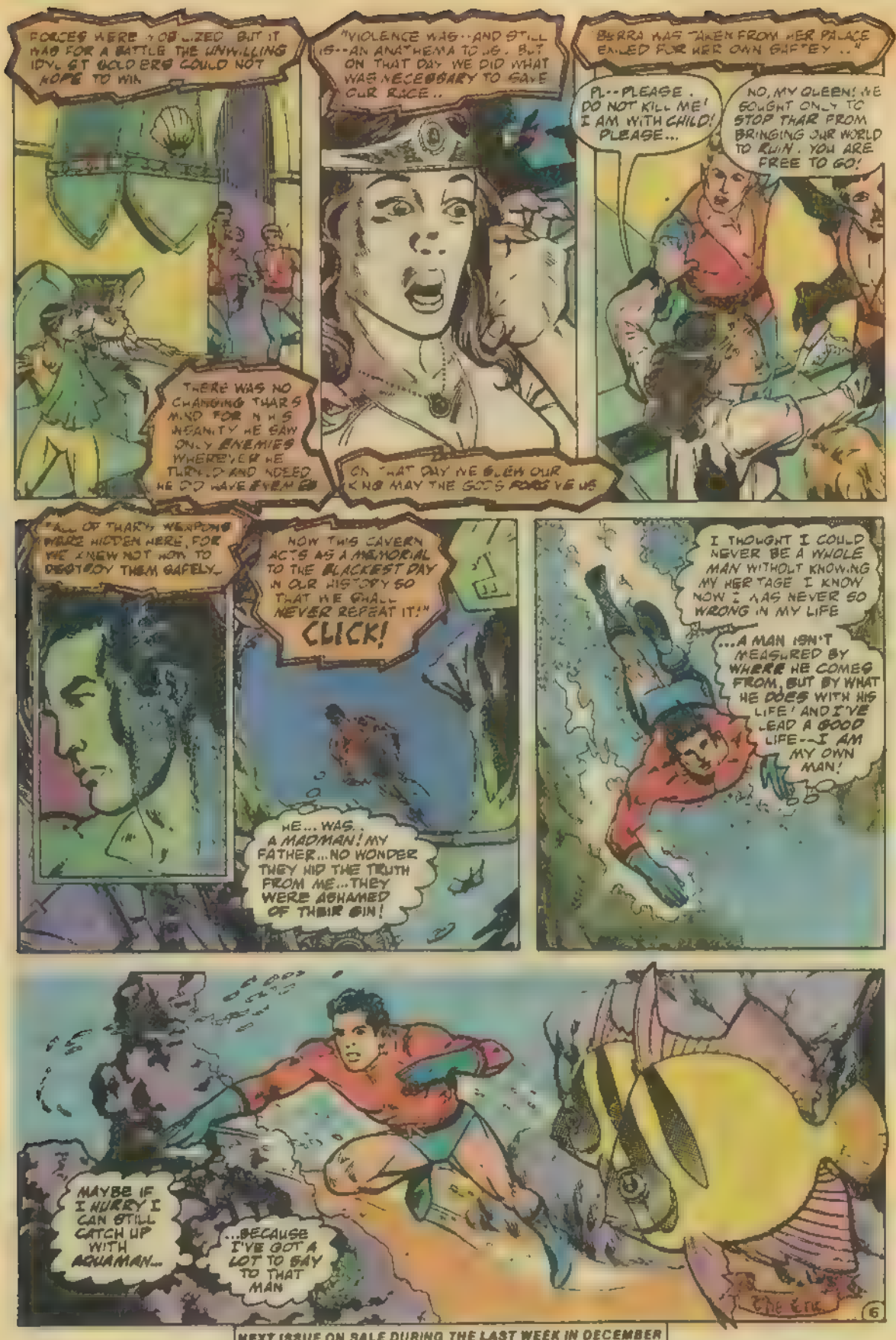
FORCES WERE MOBILIZED BUT IT WAS FOR A BATTLE THE UNWILLING IDOLATOLDERS COULD NOT HOPE TO WIN
"VIOLENCE WAS--AND STILL IS--AN ANATHEMA TO US. BUT ON THAT DAY WE DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO SAVE OUR RACE..
ATLANNA WAS TAKEN FROM HER PALACE EXILED FOR HER OWN SAFETY..."
PL--PLEASE. DO NOT KILL ME! I AM WITH CHILD! PLEASE...
NO, MY QUEEN! WE SOUGHT ONLY TO STOP THAR FROM BRINGING OUR WORLD TO RUIN. YOU ARE FREE TO GO!
THERE WAS NO CHANGING THAR'S MIND FOR IN HIS INSANITY HE SAW ONLY ENEMIES WHEREVER HE TURNED AND INDEED HE DID HAVE THEM ALL
ON THAT DAY WE SLEW OUR KIN MAY THE GODS FORGIVE US
"ALL OF THAR'S WEAPONS WERE HIDDEN HERE, FOR WE KNEW NOT HOW TO DESTROY THEM SAFELY.
NOW THIS CAVERN ACTS AS A MEMORIAL TO THE BLACKEST DAY IN OUR HISTORY SO THAT WE SHALL NEVER REPEAT IT!"
CLICK!
HE... WAS... A MADMAN! MY FATHER... NO WONDER THEY HID THE TRUTH FROM ME... THEY WERE ASHAMED OF THEIR SIN!
I THOUGHT I COULD NEVER BE A WHOLE MAN WITHOUT KNOWING MY HERITAGE I KNOW NOW I WAS NEVER SO WRONG IN MY LIFE
...A MAN ISN'T MEASURED BY WHERE HE COMES FROM, BUT BY WHAT HE DOES WITH HIS LIFE! AND I'VE LEAD A GOOD LIFE--I AM MY OWN MAN!
MAYBE IF I HURRY I CAN STILL CATCH UP WITH AQUAMAN...
...BECAUSE I'VE GOT A LOT TO SAY TO THAT MAN
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BATMAN, ROCK & DEADMAN IN B&B SPECIAL!

TITANTIC TEAM-UP IN DOUBLE-SIZED ISSUE

(Gotham City)—*Batman's* got his hands full as the story opens in this year's *BRAVE & BOLD SPECIAL*. There's a mad bomber loose in Gotham City and only the Caped Crusader can stop him.

Meantime, over in England, *Deadman* and *Sgt. Rock* join forces to track down the thieves who have taken the *Batman* statue from Gotham Park.

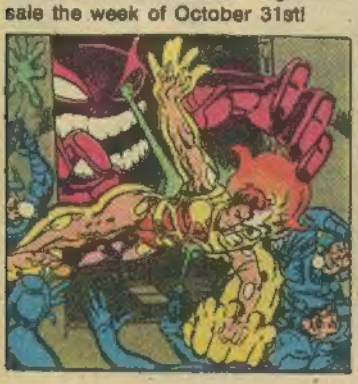
Two unrelated events, you say? Hardly . . . and even though *Batman* never meets up with his co-stars in this story, the two problems are closely intertwined. It's all explained in "Hell is For Heroes", a Bob Haney/Ric Estrada/Dick Giordano collaboration which appears in the *BRAVE & BOLD SPECIAL* when it goes on sale the week of October 31st.

Editor Paul Levitz calls this issue "the strangest thing since cream cheese!" We're not sure what he means, but we do know that this is one special you won't want to miss!

VILLAIN UNMASKED IN SHADE #5

(The Meta-Zone)—Been wondering just who is behind everything that's been going on in the first four issues of *SHADE THE CHANGING MAN*? Or have you figured out the identity of the crime-lord who wants *Shade's* M-vest?

Either way, you won't want to miss the fifth exciting issue of *SHADE* as Steve Ditko and Michael Fleisher reveal the identity of this mystery villain in "Captive of the Changing Captors!" It's another inter-dimensional thriller and it goes on sale the week of October 31st!



DIRECT CURRENTS

ON SALE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31st

JONAH HEX #9—Our weirdest western hero finds himself embroiled in "The Carlota Conspiracy" by Michael Fleisher, Ernie Chan and Danny Bulanadi. This issue sports a Berni Wrightson cover!

JUSTICE LEAGUE #151—Gerry Conway takes over as scripter and *Amos Fortune* returns to change the *JLA* into "The Unluckiest League of All!" Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin provide the art.

KAMANDI #55—It thrives on energy and it's after Pyra's ship and the last boy on earth! It's "The Vortex Beast" by Jack C. Harris, Dick Ayers and Danny Bulanadi.

NEW GODS #16—*Orion* squares off against a green giant in "The Titan and the Hunter" by Gerry Conway, Don Newton and Joe Rubenstein.

SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #10—*Eve* has the house all to herself this issue with "Ask Me No Questions", (by Jack Oleck and Rubeny) and "Hell of a Place" (by Rich Morrissey and Michael Golden).

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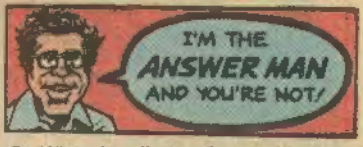

Q: Why do all the *Green Lanterns* have the same kind of costume except for the Golden Age *GL*?—Darin Robinson. *A:* All the other *GLs* are members of the *Green Lantern Corps* which is run by the Guardians of the Universe. The Golden Age *GL* lives on Earth-2 and is not a member of the Corps!

Q: What does Ralph (*Elongated Man*) Dibny do for a living?—Philip Tum. *A: EM* does not have to work . . . he and Sue are both independently wealthy!

Q: Can *Kid Flash* vibrate through things like *The Flash* does?—Robbie Atkins. *A:* Yes, he has all the powers of the Scarlet Speedster.

Q: Who made *The Batman's* costume?—Bernard Timtiman. *A:* Since the Caped Crusader wanted his identity kept a secret, we'd presume he sewed it together himself!

Q: Whatever happened to the 100-page super spectaculars?—Bill Roberts. *A:* They were eliminated in favor of our all-new Dollar Comics, which, unlike the old specs, contain no reprints!

Q: Does *Batman* carry knock-out gas in his utility belt?—Todd Wiseman. *A:* Probably, but he'd undoubtedly knock us out if we tried to look!

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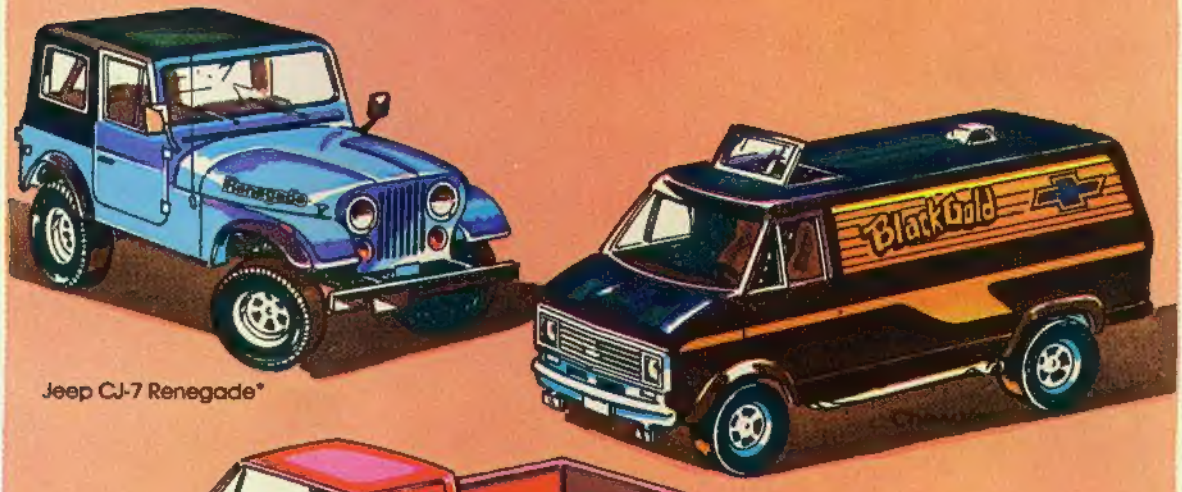

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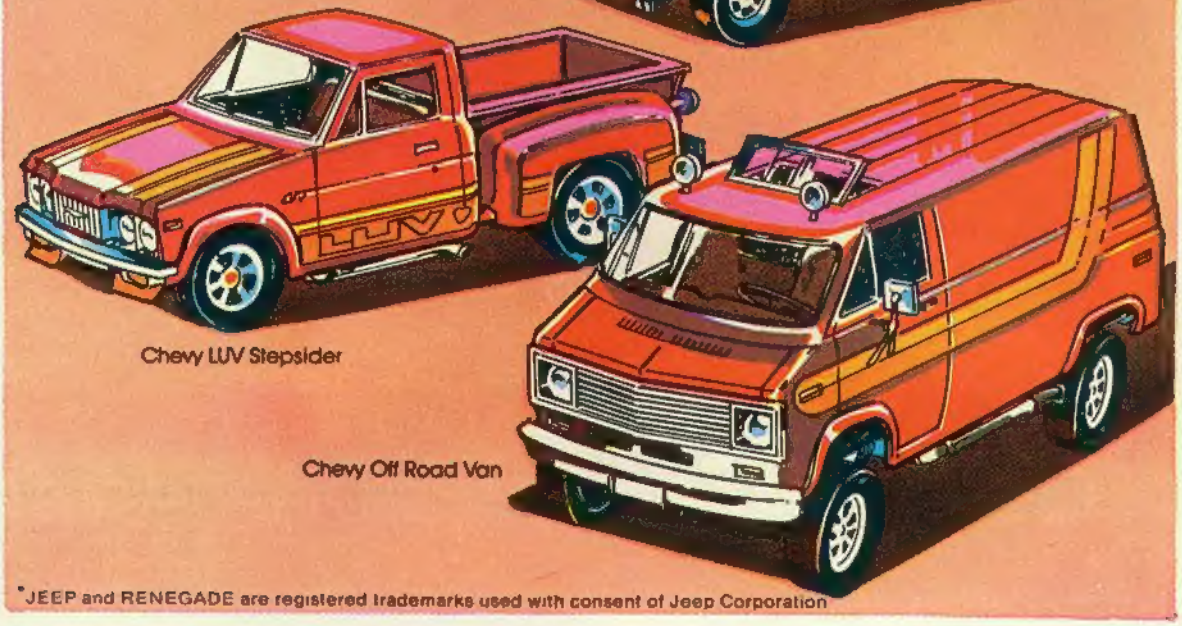

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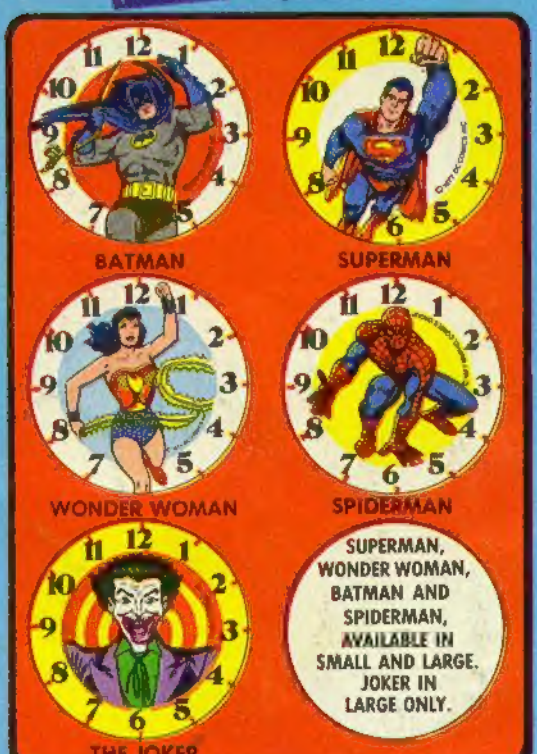

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